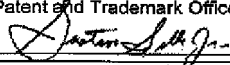


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 CFR § 1.114)

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:


Applicants request continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114.

- ☒ Applicants are:
- ☐ a small entity, verified statement is:
 - ☐ attached
 - ☐ already filed
 - ☒ other than small entity
- ☒ The fee set forth in § 1.17(e) must be filed along with this request:
- ☐ Attached is a check for the § 1.17(h) fee.
 - ☒ Charge the § 1.17(e) fee of \$790 to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.
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- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement

- ☐ Petition to Withdraw From Issue Under 37 CFR § 1.313
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Respectfully submitted,

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